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FORCES SAUDI ARABIA

REFS: (A) TEHRAN (DTG 051240Z JAN 76), (B) CDR
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1. REF(A) REQUESTED THAT DIRECTIVE BE RESCINDED WHICH
ASSIGNED TO US MILITARY HOSPITAL TEHRAN RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR HEALTH CARE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SAUDI ARABIA. REF(B)
MISINTERPRETED REF (A) AS QUESTIONING RATIONALE FOR THAT
ASSIGNMENT. WE HAVE LOOKED INTO THIS MATTER CAREFULLY, AND
AMBASSADOR HAS DETERMINED THAT CONNECTION BETWEEN TEHRAN
HOSPITAL AND SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD BE TERMINATED.

2. AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, NO MILITARY OR CIVILIAN UNITS
WHICH FUNCTION AS PART OF THIS MISSION MAY BE ASSIGNED
REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT AMBASSADOR'S SPECIFIC
AUTHORIZATION BASED ON DIRECTIVES FROM APPROPRIATE
WASHINGTON AGENCIES, E.G., DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND

DEFENSE. FURTHER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MILITARY AND
CIVILIAN UNITS ARE ASSIGNED IN IRAN FOR SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS
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WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT. GOI HAS

NOT BEEN ASKED, AND WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE REQUEST, FOR ANY ELEMENT OF THIS MISSION TO ASSUME REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ROUTINE HEALTH CARE IN SAUDI ARABIA. THERE IS, THEREFORE, NO LEGAL BASIS FOR EXTENSION OF TEHRAN HOSPITAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO SAUDI ARABIA.

3. SAG IS WELL ABLE, WE FEEL, TO FINANCE NECESSARY HEALTH CARE FOR U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SAUDI ARABIA OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR EVACUATION TO FACILITIES IN WESTERN EUROPE OR THE UNITED STATES.

4. AS WE HAVE AGREED IN THE PAST, PERSONNEL LOCATED IN NIEGHBORING COUNTIRES WHO REQUIRE EMERGENCY TREATMENT MAY, OF COURSE, BE BROUGHT TO TEHRAN. WE DO NOT WISH PERSONNEL TO BE BROUGHT HERE FOR ROUTINE MEDICAL CARE ON A REGULAR OR RECURRING BASIS, NOR DO WE WISH MEDICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO TRAVEL TO SAUDI ARABIA TO SUPPORT MEDICAL OPERATIONS THERE. OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD BE MADE FORTHWITH.
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